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SUBJECT: DAS LUERS' REMARKS TO U.S.-POLISH ECONOMIC
COUNCIL, MAY 15

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1. ED WILSON, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE U.S. SIDE, HAD
CALLED DAS LUERS LAST WEEK TO SAY THAT POLISH SIDE CHAIRMAN
WISNIEWSKI HAD EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT THE APPARENT INCON-
SISTENCY IN LUERS' REMARKS MAY 15 TO THE U.S.-POLISH
ECONOMIC COUNCIL. WISNIEWSKI FELT LUERS' COMMENT THAT WE
TREAT EACH INDIVIDUAL COUNTRY SEPARATELY CONTRADICTED HIS
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OTHER POINT THAT WE CANNOT IGNORE THE CONTEXT OF U.S.-
SOVIET RELATIONS. WISNIEWSKI AT THE REQUEST OF THE TWO
DEPUTY MINISTERS WHO ACCOMPANIED THE POLISH DELEGATION HAD
RAISED THE QUESTION WITH WILSON, EXPRESSING THEIR DIS-
TURBANCE, AND WILSON PROMISED TO RAISE IT WITH NIMETZ AND
VEST. WILSON CALLED LUERS TO ALERT HIM, AND LUERS NOTED
THAT NO ONE FROM THE POLISH GOVERNMENT HAD MENTIONED IT

TO HIM, SO HE WOULD RAISE IT WITH THE POLISH AMBASSADOR.

2. LUERS AND SPASOWSKI MET FOR LUNCH MAY 29 AND HELD A WIDE-RANGING DISCUSSION, THE MAIN POINTS OF WHICH ARE BEING SEPARATELY REPORTED. SPASOWSKI EXPLAINED TO LUERS

THAT WISNIEWSKI HAD MADE HIS APPROACH TO WILSON WITHOUT REFERENCE TO SPASOWSKI. SPASOWSKI SAID HE IS NOT DISTURBED ABOUT LUERS' REMARKS AND HAD REPORTED ONLY IN GENERAL TERMS WHAT HAD BEEN SAID BY ALL PARTICIPANTS AT THE U.S.-POLISH ECONOMIC COUNCIL. SPASOWSKI WENT ON TO SAY, HOWEVER, THAT HE PERSONALLY THOUGHT IT NOT ADVISABLE TO RAISE THE QUESTION OF THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN U.S.-POLISH RELATIONS AND U.S.-USSR RELATIONS BEFORE THE ECONOMIC COUNCIL, BECAUSE ITS MEMBERS ARE NOT EQUIPPED OR SOPHISTICATED ENOUGH TO CONSIDER SUCH POLICY QUESTIONS AND TO DEAL WITH THEM IN CONTEXT. REITERATING THAT HE WAS NOT DISTURBED THAT LUERS HAD RAISED THIS ISSUE, SPASOWSKI ADDED HIS OBSERVATION THAT THE PARTICIPANTS WENT AWAY FROM THE MEETING THINKING MORE ABOUT SUCH QUESTIONS THAN EVER BEFORE AND THIS MIGHT BE A GOOD THING. CONCLUDING, SPASOWSKI SAID THAT, IN ANY CASE, THERE IS NO NEED TO TALK ABOUT THIS MATTER ANY FURTHER AND FURTHER DISCUSSION WOULD ONLY DISTORT THE INCIDENT.

3. AT A LATER POINT IN THE DISCUSSION, SPASOWSKI EVINCED
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CONSIDERABLE PERSONAL CONCERN ABOUT THE STATE OF U.S.-SOVIET RELATIONS. HE WAS PARTICULARLY WORRIED ABOUT IMPLICATIONS FOR U.S.-POLISH RELATIONS AND THE VARIOUS FINANCIAL, ECONOMIC, AND OTHER QUESTIONS NOW ON THE WARSAW-WASHINGTON AGENDA. VANCE

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